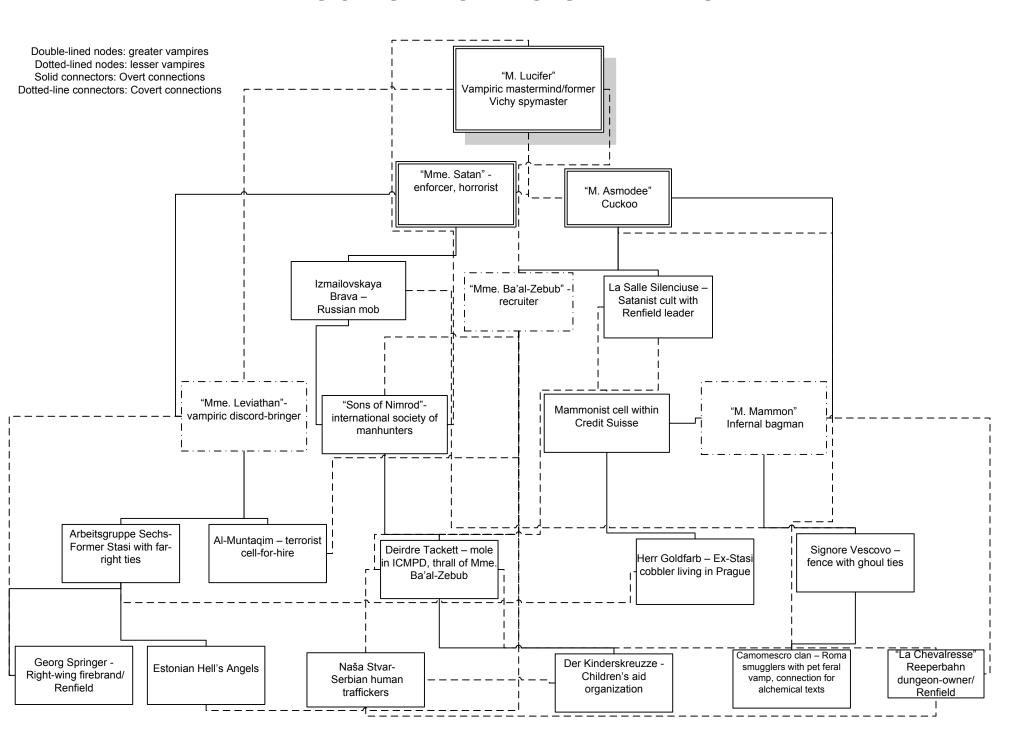
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The vampire masters of the Congregatio Umbrarum have worked since the fall of Rome to destroy the poisonous cant of Christianity, spreading discord and chaos to deliver the world unto their Satanic masters.

At least, that's what the rubes believe.

Oscar Marchand, a small-time agent-runner and forger in Lyon, became "M. Lucifer" after a bad experience involving an Ahnenerbe general, a forged Infernalist grimoire and a well-hidden knife. Marchand's transformation was gradual, and he learned the rules of his unique state before falling back on his given trade: building networks with a line of patter and hints of greater mysteries behind the curtain and then serving them up to be devoured.

His current network seems self-sustaining, funneling Europe's forgotten masses into its jaws while establishing financial and martial arms to address potential threats. Ambition has brought about strange partnerships and enmities, and the increasingly distracted M. Lucifer has found some of his most well-established tools growing increasingly autonomous as his errant offspring fight their own secret wars without really understanding their role.

In his prior life, this would be the time to roll up the network and sell it for soup. M. Lucifer can hear the clock ticking.

NOTE: On the diagram, the dotted connectors signify covert ties between groups. Double-lined nodes are greater vampires. Dotted-lined nodes are lesser vampires.